



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Jacques DUMAS et al.

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Examiner: Yong Soo Chong.

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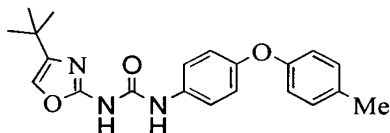
Title: INHIBITION OF P38 KINASE USING ACTIVITY SUBSTITUTED
HETEROCYCLIC UREAS

REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

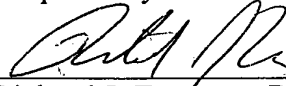
In response to the office communication dated February 7, 2007 indicating that the Reply filed on December 11, 2006 was not fully responsive, to the requirement for an election of species, Applicants hereby elect compound 297.



Applicants maintain the Restriction Requirement is not proper in that the full scope of all claims was examined earlier and no evidence has been presented showing that it would be an undue burden to continue the examination of the full scope of the claims. Furthermore, the requirement restricts subject matter within a single claim, which is not proper, particularly since claim 1 defines a proper Markush group comprised of ureas having common structural features and a common activity (e.g., p38 inhibition).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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